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## **Web-based Stakeholder Participation – DSA Amendments to the International Building Code (IBC)**

### **Introduction**

DSA is developing a web-based process to facilitate technical input by stakeholders regarding the disposition of current amendments and the development of new amendments to the IBC.

A new model building code for the state of California, the IBC, along with amendments developed by DSA and other state agencies, will be proposed to the Building Standards Commission in May 2006 for adoption as the next California Building Code (CBC).

All DSA structural amendments in the current 2001 CBC must be evaluated for retention, revision or repeal as part of the IBC adoption.

Due to the extensive number of current amendments to be examined (DSA has approximately 1500 structural amendment sentences) in a relatively short period, DSA is requesting stakeholder assistance with technical input.

While DSA also promulgates accessibility and historical preservation standards applicable statewide to public and private facilities, the web based stakeholder process is being initiated for structural safety amendments, which constitute the majority of the work.

### **Stakeholders**

The data base of stakeholders with structural and design expertise is posted alphabetically by affiliation on DSA web site web at

<http://www.dsa.dgs.ca.gov/CodeChanges/default.htm> (click on Stakeholder List). The data base is updated frequently. There are over 400 entities and/or individuals currently posted. You may request to be added to the list by contacting [john.vester@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:john.vester@dgs.ca.gov) or [howard.smith@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:howard.smith@dgs.ca.gov).

### **Rationale for DSA amendments**

DSA amendments are intended to supplement the model code to bridge any gaps between the model building code and statutory requirements for occupancies within DSA's jurisdiction (which includes public schools K-12 and Community Colleges, and state essential services buildings).

Statutory requirements include:

- **statutory performance objectives** (e.g. protection of life and property for public schools, and continued operations for state essential services buildings)
- **statutory directives** (e.g. continuous inspection of all construction by a qualified inspector for public schools and state essential services buildings)

Specific statutory requirements that form the basis for all DSA structural amendments will be posted on the DSA web page devoted to the IBC stakeholder input process.

## **Stakeholder Input Guidelines**

Stakeholders will be asked to provide technical input and their recommendations on as many of the posted amendments as they would like. There is no obligation or commitment.

Stakeholder input on any amendment should address the following:

- How well does it meet DSA's statutory performance objectives and directives?
- How well does it meet the tests of the 9 point criteria of California Building Standards Law [Section 18930 (a), Health & Safety Code]; notably criteria items:
  - (1) no conflict or overlap with other standards
  - (3) public interest requires it (health, safety or welfare)
  - (4) amendment is not unreasonable or capricious
  - (5) favorable cost-benefit ratio
  - (6) clear and objective
  - (7) fills need due to inadequacy of model code/standard (e.g. scope inadequate, or does not meet statutory performance objectives)

Stakeholders will also be asked to make a recommendation whether to retain the amendment in the new model code, to revise it or to repeal it.

All stakeholder input will be collected in standardized electronic form, and will only be available for use by DSA staff. This process will not provide for a web based discussion forum. Public comment or discussion will be facilitated during Phase 3 (see below).

## **Schedule**

This web-based stakeholder participation process will commence in October, 2005. A more detailed summary of the work plan is posted on the DSA web site at [http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/title24/workplan\\_ibc\\_adoption\\_081005.pdf](http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/title24/workplan_ibc_adoption_081005.pdf)

### **Phase 1 – October 2005 – January 2006**

Web-based stakeholder input regarding existing amendments.

### **Phase 2 – November 2005 – February 2006**

DSA review of input, development of initial proposals (disposition of existing amendment, new amendment draft) and posting to DSA website for stakeholder response.

### **Phase 3 – January 2006 – March 2006**

Web-based stakeholder response to initial proposals, with advisory board meetings as required.

### **Phase 4 - DSA preparation of rulemaking package for submittal to the California Building Standards Commission in May 2006.**

Frequently updated information regarding DSA's IBC adoption project and stakeholder participation is posted at <http://www.dsa.dgs.ca.gov/CodeChanges/default.htm> .